

ITEM 1. Proposed Project

The geographic jurisdiction of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Victor Valley Station comprises over 1,419 square miles of wide-open desert and mountain land. The greater Victor Valley region contains the largest Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation areas in the continental U.S. This particular aspect draws OHV enthusiasts from the counties of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside as well as our own county residents and those traveling from Nevada and Arizona.

The Victor Valley Station area has shown a substantial increase in recreational use over the past year. It is expected to rise over the years to come due to passing of Riverside County's and several local cities' strict OHV ordinance. An increasing area of concern is the OHV activity on private property and public roadways. Often, users of the OHV areas will stray outside the boundaries of the designated use area and commit trespassing violations. This is an ever increasing issue, as the developments come closer to open OHV areas. Additionally, local residents known as "garage riders" will ride their OHV's on or along city side streets, county roads, or across private property to get to the desert to recreate. In our area, we have documented approximately 534 law enforcement calls for service in the last year in regards to OHV activity. This does not include the 730 self initiated OHV patrols and contacts. Enforcement operations have been conducted and will be planned to contact violators and either citations will be issued or information provided as to legal areas of interest to the enthusiasts.

Our enforcement plan is to use existing grant funded equipment, purchase a Jeep Rubicon Unlimited as an OHV Designated Patrol Support Vehicle, a Polaris Ranger Crew side by side utility vehicle as a primary OHV patrol vehicle, and a Lap Top Computer to assist in coordinating patrol areas and documenting OHV activities. The first area is to continue to support the BLM and U.S. Forest Service, and other Sheriff's Stations in the Victor Valley with events and routine patrol in the OHV areas. The second area will be to conduct routine patrols in the illegal OHV areas within our desert and mountain communities. This will allow for education and enforcement related to the new County OHV ordinance. This will reduce the calls for service related to OHV disturbances, and promote better relations between citizens and OHV enthusiasts.

Victor Valley station's OHV Team has supported and promoted legal OHV recreation within our area since the late 1990's. Our past enforcement efforts have proven successful at major events allowing OHV enthusiasts, fans, and competitors a safe environment to enjoy their sport. If OHV enthusiasts have a safe and enjoyable experience, the sports will continue to grow. We have not only partnered with other law enforcement agencies, but also with local stakeholders who have interest in legal OHV opportunities.

As the use of legal OHV areas increases, conflicts arise. Many of the conflicts between various recreation interests are due to a percentage of enthusiasts who are not aware of those sharing the use areas. The OHV team will increase its presence in use areas to educate enthusiasts about the variety of users, and the mutual respect required.

The OHV team is also heavily involved in public education. The team personnel have become instructors for the ATV Safety Institute, and routinely teach ATV Safety classes at the El Mirage OHV Visitors Center. The team has their own informational flyers that direct visitors to the legal OHV opportunities in the area. The OHV team volunteers display equipment and distribute OHV information during public open house events.

Victor Valley is also tasked with law enforcement services at the Annual Adelanto Grant Prix. This event attracts 20,000 competitors and fans. In the past, theft and traffic control has been a major problem at this event. In the 4 years Victor Valley has been involved with this event, theft has gone from 17 motorcycles stolen during the evening hours, to no stolen vehicles in 2008 during the evening hours. The OHV team has dramatically enhanced safety and security for the citizens who attend this event.

Victor Valley OHV deputies are required to by policy to attend the 40 hour POST certified Off Highway Motorcycle, and the ATV safety rider course. Deputies are also required to take a POST environmental law enforcement class. At the station level, deputies are trained to understand concerns of both enthusiasts and environmentalists by being active on message boards and the internet. The OHV team's patrol is to pursue illegal riding in the perspective communities, and Rider interests in the legal riding areas. These practices will sustain current in the future OHV recreation in Victor Valley.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Victor Valley station's jurisdiction contains the largest OHV areas in the United States. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is tasked with providing law enforcement services to these areas. They currently have three Rangers to patrol this vast area. The Victor Valley station will continue to provide law enforcement services at the jurisdiction's OHV areas to assist BLM. This allows them to address other concerns such as wilderness intrusion, vegetation destruction, and trail maintenance.

Two of the largest OHV areas in Victor Valley are Stoddard Valley and Johnson Valley open areas. The Stoddard Valley open area consists of 54,969 acres and plays host to 12 permitted OHV events a year, including motorcycle, truck and buggy races, four-wheel drive tours, and new product testing. The Johnson Valley open area consists of 188,374 acres and is the largest designated OHV open area known to exist. The area hosts 15 permitted events throughout the year including national series competitions to include the American Rock Crawling Association, ProRocks and CalRocks. The area is also the home of two ACEC's, one to protect the Soggy Dry Lake Creosote Rings, and one to protect the Upper Johnson Valley Yucca Rings, both vegetative assemblages.

The Victor Valley Station also assist the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the area of Edwards Bowl. This area covers approximately 25,000 acres. There has been a significant increase in illegal riding and land on private property in this area.

Deputies assigned to the Victor Valley OHV team assist Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forestry service rangers in the area of Juniper Flats/Bowen Ranch area located in the Northern foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains. The public land area covers 20,000 acres. The public route network in this area connects San Bernardino National Forest with the Victor Valley to the Northwest. Juniper Flats offers recreation opportunities for vehicle touring, camping, hiking, and horseback riding. Juniper Flats contains historic (mining) and prehistoric sites.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

The 2009 Victor Valley Sheriff Station OHV patrol plan is to patrol the El Mirage, Stoddard Wells, Johnson Valley, and Juniper Flats with a supervisor (Sergeant or Corporal) and three deputies using off highway vehicles to provide law enforcement coverage and assist Bureau of Land Management in the legal off highway riding areas during the holiday weekends such as, Thanksgiving, New Years, President's Day and Easter. Citizens on Patrol, Reserve Deputies, and Search and Rescue team members will also assist in the patrols. Assigned deputies will assist BLM in conducting vehicle stops on violators, assisting in responding to collisions, taking criminal reports and maintaining crowd control and assisting OHV enthusiasts with typical recreational questions or problems.

Simultaneously, two certified off-road motorcycle deputies will be patrolling the communities of Phelan, Pinon Hills, Oakhill, the unincorporated areas of Apple Valley, the unincorporated areas of Hesperia, and the unincorporated areas of Victorville. Deputies will also conduct patrols of the flood control area located in the remote area of Deep Creek, Apple Valley.

Deputies will assist BLM during off-road races occurring annually in the Victor Valleys OHV patrol area. The purpose of the patrol is not to take part in the race functions, but to assist BLM patrol the OHV riding and recreation that occurs in the area.

The rural communities of Phelan, Pinon Hills, Oakhills, the unincorporated areas of Apple Valley, the unincorporated areas of Hesperia, the unincorporated areas of Victorville have an extremely high volume of illegal riding calls from citizens complaining about off-road vehicle racing / riding on roadways. Often times these calls are assigned as a lowest priority call for service. Deputies do not respond to this type of call for service immediately. Deputies respond to higher priority calls for service before responding to the lower priority calls.

To alleviate this ongoing problem and reduce the reports of land trespass associated with these calls, the Victor Valley Sheriff's Station plans to assign the OHV off-road motorcycle certified deputies to these community area once a month to patrol the areas, specifically targeting the illegal riding and private property land trespass calls for service.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

During the 2007 and 2008 OHV season, it was found that approximately two to three deputies on off highway vehicles and a supervisor or deputy driving a support patrol vehicle (4X4 Tahoe) were needed to patrol off highway vehicle areas of Stoddard Wells, Johnson Valley, El Mirage Dry Lake, and Juniper Flats during the major holiday weekends such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Years, and Presidents Day weekends. The current trend stemming from the 2008 OHV season show no apparent change in the visitation to the legal riding areas located in the Victor Valley.

A Sergeant or Corporal and three deputies are expected to be sufficient coverage for this years OHV patrol in the legal riding areas of the Victor Valley. The Victor Valley Station fortunately has significant volunteer assistance from Citizens on Patrol and Reserve Units. The Citizen volunteers (Reserve Deputies and Search and Rescue) are certified in OHV riding and aid us and the BLM for traffic control and law enforcement exposure.

As the patrols of the legal riding areas are being conducted by the deputies with a sergeant or corporal, two deputies will be assigned to float between the rural communities of Pinon Hills, Phelan, Oakhills, unincorporated areas of Apple Valley, unincorporated areas of Hesperia, unincorporated areas of Victorville. The deputies will also patrol the flood control area located at Deep Creek, Apple Valley.

The current trend shows a significant increase in illegal riding in the rural communities located in the Victor Valley. Deputies assigned to the OHV program will conduct/create self initiate OHV patrol calls. This will assist in combating the rise in illegal riding.

Two OHV dual sport motorcycles deputies will be assigned at least one day a month to combat the illegal riding in these rural communities. The communities generate the highest amount of illegal riding calls for service for the Victor Valley Station.

Two deputies will be assigned to patrol the racing events that occur at the Stoddard Wells area and the Johnson Valley off highway vehicle area. The Victor Valley Reserve Deputies and Citizen Volunteers will also assist in traffic control and law enforcement exposure. The Victor Valley Station Deputies and BLM personnel should be adequate for needed law enforcement representation during racing events.

Deputies in the Victor Valley OHV team are cross-trained in Search and Rescue. In the event of an emergency, Deputies contact and direct emergency media personnel to the scene of the accident by land or air. The OHV team is part of our station's Response Matrix. This Emergency Matrix is placed in effect in conjunction with Search and Rescue when appropriate.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The rural communities of Phelan, Pinon Hills and Oakhill are residential areas where many calls for service are generated. The usual calls for service regard illegal riding activity on public roadways and private property land trespass incidents. The illegal activity creates a noise, public nuisance problem and reckless driving public safety concern.

The Johnson Valley off highway and Stoddard Valley area are heavily populated during large holiday weekends. OHV collisions often occur sometimes causing fatalities. Outside boundaries of the legal OHV areas are protected land which is enforced by BLM.

The El Mirage Dry Lake OHV area is another highly populated area where public safety is a concern from numerous OHV activities. The southern edge of the OHV area is bordered by the community of El Mirage. This community creates a large amount of calls for service reference illegal OHV activity.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

Law enforcement provides the OHV enthusiasts the comfort in the knowledge we are there to respond to calls for service regarding illegal riding activities whether it be public roadways in Johnson Valley or Campsites in Stoddard Wells area or the El Mirage Dry Lake areas. By enforcement and education, LE keeps stability amongst the OHV community. Most enthusiasts appreciate that LE is actively participating in OHV recreation. By actively patrolling public roadways in the rural communities of the Victor Valley, LE is able to curb illegal activity by keeping illegal riding off the public roadways that allow access to private property. Many burglaries occur from illegal riders using public roadways to gain access to private property. LE presence also increases public safety by removing reckless OHV activity from public roadways.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Victor Valley Station's OHV team works in harmony with the Barstow BLM Rangers. The BLM is highly understaffed and burdened to patrol the El Mirage Dry Lake area, Johnson Valley OHV area, Stoddard Wells area, and Juniper Flats alone, especially on holiday weekends. Our two agencies work well together, responding to calls for service regarding OHV activity and criminal elements. The BLM is also tasked by patrolling protected lands from straying OHV activity. Our OHV patrol assistance on BLM land provides the BLM more opportunities to patrol the protected lands.

The Victor Valley OHV team also provides assistance patrolling the U.S. Forestry trails located in the area of Juniper Flats/Bowen Ranch and The Baldy Mesa Trail located along the southern edge of Phelan and Pinon Hills communities.

The Victor Valley OHV team also provides needed assistance to the Adelanto Police Department for OHV patrol during the weekend long race known as the Adelanto Grand Prix.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

The 2009 Adelanto Grand Prix patrol has been at the expense of the Victor Valley Station OHV program. The Victor Valley Station assigned three quads and a support patrol vehicle to the night time patrol. These patrol areas are very instrumental in preventing vehicle thefts during the event.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

All Victor Valley Station OHV Team personnel have been certified by a certified quad instructor. Six of our station deputies have been certified in a forty-hour off-road motorcycle course by the Department's Emergency Vehicle Operations Center Instructors. The Victor Valley Station Team recognizes the importance of enforcing the law and educating enthusiasts about the law. We recognize the principles of the "letter of the law" and "spirit of the law". Our number one priority is to ensure public safety. We believe in public service and maintaining a good relationship with the OHV community wherever we patrol. Each member of the Victor Valley OHV Team understands this principle.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The Victor Valley OHV team assist s BLM and USFS in regards to land intrusions. The OHV team provides primary law enforcement presence at the request of BLM. The Victor Valley OHV team uses state and county codes as primary enforcement codes during off highway vehicle enforcement in the BLM or USFS lands.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

The Victor Valley Station was advised that the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are currently being used by San Bernardino County Parks and Recreation. The funds are being used to create, operate, and maintain the OHV trails in Park Moabi located in Needles, California. The funds are also used to operate and maintain the OHV trails surrounding Calico Ghost Town located in Yermo, California.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

This question does not apply the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Victor Valley OHV program.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

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Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total	
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant Notes : Sergeant position as supervisor of operation	360.000	80.890	HRS	21,840.00	7,280.00	29,120.00
	Other-Deputy	940.000	63.320	HRS	44,640.75	14,880.25	59,521.00
	Other-Reserve Deputy Notes : Reserve deputies will also be assigned to varios OHV operations	540.000	24.790	HRS	10,040.25	3,346.75	13,387.00
	Other-Detective/Corporal Notes : Corporal position to replace Sergeant as needed for supervision	360.000	67.170	HRS	18,135.75	6,045.25	24,181.00
	Total for Staff				94,656.75	31,552.25	126,209.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Emergency Medical Supplies Notes : First aid kits for first responders	1.000	150.000	EA	112.50	37.50	150.00
	Emergency Medical Supplies Notes : Small first aid kits to place in each back pack	8.000	30.000	EA	180.00	60.00	240.00
	Safety Equipment Notes : Protective riding goggles for OHV patrol	10.000	30.000	EA	225.00	75.00	300.00

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Safety Equipment Notes : Protective quad and motorcycle gloves	10.000	30.000	EA	225.00	75.00	300.00
Safety Equipment Notes : Radio communications ear pieces for deputies while on OHV patrol.	10.000	100.000	EA	750.00	250.00	1,000.00
Safety Equipment Notes : Back packs with hydration systems for off-road motorcycle patrol.	8.000	30.000	EA	180.00	60.00	240.00
Safety Equipment Notes : Protective riding pants for off-road motorcyle patrol.	4.000	125.000	EA	375.00	125.00	500.00
Safety Equipment Notes : Protective elbow and knee pads for off-road motorcyle patrol	4.000	100.000	EA	300.00	100.00	400.00
Safety Equipment Notes : Protective motorcycle riding boots for off-road motorcylce patrol	4.000	150.000	EA	450.00	150.00	600.00
Other-Laptop Notes : To be used for adiminstration, planning, control and enforcement of OHV events.	1.000	2500.000		1,875.00	625.00	2,500.00
Total for Materials / Supplies				4,672.50	1,557.50	6,230.00
4 Equipment Use Expenses						
Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Fuel and maintenance costs for OHV equipment. This grant expense will be used to complete routine maintenance on OHV equipment throughout the grant period. the routine maintenance may included repairing of tires, engine oil service and repair and maintenance of vehicle controls.	1.000	10000.000	MISC	7,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	1.000	15000.000	MISC	11,250.00	3,750.00	15,000.00

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	Notes : Mechanical and safety upgrades to existing grant funded equipment (trailer, towing vehicle, motorcycles, and quads). This grant expense will be used to service tow vehicles transmissions and differentials. We will also be completing needed service on OHV trailers. This may included repairs and maintenance on roof seals, trailer generators and repairs to trailer interior and exterior construction. We will also be upgrading cooling system on OHV grant funded motorcycles. This is needed to allow motorcycles to be operated for longer durations during summer months. Will be completing needed repairs to OHV grant funded quads. This may included repairs to transmissions, CVT belts and clutch.						
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				18,750.00	6,250.00	25,000.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Off-Road Trail Vehicle Notes : The cost of the Off-Road Trail vehicle includes license fees and accessories. This vehicle will be further described as a 4X4 Jeep Unlimited Rubicon (4door). This vehicle will be outfitted with all needed patrol equipment (lights, dispatch computer, safety equipment). This will allow deputies to conduct patrols deeper into the remote locations and narrow trails of the illegal off highway riding areas throughout the Victor Valley	1.000	55000.000		41,250.00	13,750.00	55,000.00
	Other-Polaris Ranger Crew Notes : Total cost includes fees and accessories.	1.000	16500.000		12,375.00	4,125.00	16,500.00
	Other-Trailer To Transport Polaris Range Notes : The trailer will be used to transport the Polaris Ranger Crew	1.000	6800.000		5,100.00	1,700.00	6,800.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				58,725.00	19,575.00	78,300.00
6	Others						

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	Training Notes : To send 2 law enforcement personnel to be qualified as ATV Safety Instructors.	1.000	1000.000	EA	750.00	250.00	1,000.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-cost of employees t	1.000	5000.000	HRS	3,750.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
Total Program Expenses					181,304.25	60,434.75	241,739.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					181,304.25	60,434.75	241,739.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					181,304.25	60,434.75	241,739.00

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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	4,672.50	1,557.50	6,230.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	18,750.00	6,250.00	25,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	58,725.00	19,575.00	78,300.00	
6	Others	750.00	250.00	1,000.00	
7	Administrative Costs	3,750.00	1,250.00	5,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		181,304.25	60,434.75	241,739.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment